

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-44 (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) A toothbrush comprising:

- a handle;

- a neck connected to said handle;

- a head connected to said neck and having a rigid portion having a first surface and a second surface, and a movable portion having a first surface and a second surface, wherein said rigid portion is non-movable relative to said neck and wherein said movable portion is movable relative to said neck;

- a mechanical vibratory device which causes the head to vibrate;

- wherein said rigid portion comprises a plurality of first cleaning elements extending from said first surface of said rigid portion that are fixedly mounted to the rigid portion;

- wherein said movable portion comprises a plurality of second cleaning elements extending from said first surface of said movable portion that are fixedly mounted to said movable portion;

- a gap in the head positioned between said rigid portion and said movable portion;

- a resilient membrane for flexibly attaching said movable portion to said rigid portion, said membrane positioned in a part of said gap; and

- a plurality of third cleaning elements, each third cleaning element mounted on said resilient membrane and connected to both said rigid portion and said movable portion;

wherein no portion of any of the third cleaning elements extends outwardly beyond the second surfaces of said movable and rigid portions under any condition.

46. (Canceled).

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein the plurality of third cleaning elements comprise movable wipers generally arrayed in surrounding relation to said plurality of second cleaning elements.

49. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 48, wherein the movable wipers rotate towards one another upon application of sufficient force on the toothbrush and away from each other upon release of that force.

50-76. (Canceled).

77. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein said mechanical vibratory device is located in the head or in a region adjacent to the head and operatively connected to an electric power source.

78. (Canceled).

79. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein the first, second and third cleaning elements extend approximately the same distance from the head when no force is applied to said toothbrush.

80. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements is movable toward at least one of said first and second cleaning elements.

81. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements is movable toward each of said first and second cleaning elements.

82 - 87. (Cancelled)

88. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45 wherein the first surface of the movable portion remains aligned with or below a plane defined by the first surface of the rigid portion under any condition.

89. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 45 wherein said resilient membrane is made of an elastomeric material capable of flexing and recovering randomly during use of the toothbrush.